

LB 257, 258
April 16, 1973

SENATOR SKARDA: I am going to try to make it final by moving the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda is asking for the previous question. Senator Skarda, I wonder if before that I had indicated to Senator Chambers that I would allow him to speak a second time. He had contacted the chair. Would you defer to that? All right. Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, since we are going on record today, I have to make my position perfectly clear. This reminds me of a proverb that says, "Answer not a fool according to his folly lest thou be like unto him". If what the Governor is doing foolish and if the Governor by doing something foolish is a fool, we can make ourselves 49 echoes or replicas of his foolishness. It will be 49 minus 1 as far as I'm concerned. I think it is a mistake to say to let people know the meaning of hunger, make them hungry. There are children who need assistance and by doing what is being done here today, those children will be postponed until January and perhaps to a later time. I am opposed to what the Legislature is doing. I think it is phased over from merely a political question to a ethical and moral one now. We are dealing with the lives and welfare of people. I've observed this Legislature and it is not noteworthy for its courage or ability to stand when the heat is on. There will be some days between now and the time we will hastily adjourn, if this motion is adopted, when heat is going to be applied and I expect the Legislature as a whole to melt then like hot candle wax like it has melted on so many other notable occasions. There is time to think twice now. It's embarrassing to take a very strong position and act like you are going to run through troops and leap over walls, then with great humiliation and shame be forced to eat your words and back down. The Governor is not going to be embarrassed by this. He can say his budget was merely a guideline, a suggestion, an offering of the best educated guess he could make of what money it would take to run the state for a particular amount of time and the responsibility of the Legislature is to review what he has suggested and make any needed changes and alteration including substituting a budget in lieu of his. I think it would be a mistake to adopt this motion but I know you are going to and when you back down I am going to laugh at you.

PRESIDENT: The previous question has been called. The question is shall the debate now close. All those in favor will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. Previous question has been called. Have you all voted? Previous question for the motion before us now. We will amend it. Yes, we will. The question is shall the debate now close. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 11 nays on previous question.

PRESIDENT: All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion to amend the Carpenter motion...

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: ..to include LB 257 and 258. Signed, Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: Who made the motion? Senator Marvel. The chair recognizes Senator Marvel.